

## **PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO SR 304 / I-269**

Marshall County, Mississippi

**State Project No. DB\STP-0029-03(009)/102556-304000**

### **QUESTIONS RECEIVED AS OF April 12, 2013**

- 49.** On page 89 of the RFP Section 907-102.09--Delivery of Proposals states, "Unless otherwise specified, Volume 2 Proposals shall be submitted sealed in a special envelope furnished by the Department." We did not receive a specific Bid Envelope. Does the Price Proposal Envelope have any special requirements?

**The Bid Envelopes were distributed at the pre-proposal meeting. However, envelopes can be sent to Proposers on request or may be picked up from MDOT by contacting Contract Administration Division at (601) 359-7729.**

**Or:**

**Mark the envelope of Volume 2 as follows:**

**Volume 2 - Price Proposal**

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- 50.** We respectfully request that you allow contractors to submit the OCR-485 form with the OCR 481 form no later than the tenth calendar day after the opening of the bids as stated on the OCR 481 form. This will allow complete focus for the price bid that day.

**No.**

- 51.** Please clarify why the OCR-485 form referred to as a "DBE committal" on page 3 of 15 of the RFP?

**This reference will be deleted by addendum.**

- 52.** Section 905 Proposal Sheet 2-2 on page 352 of the RFP refers to a "Notice to Bidders No. 696 and Supplement". We respectfully request MDOT to provide these documents?

**Section 905 Proposal Sheet 2-2 will be changed in the next Addendum to refer to "Notice to Proposers No. 4103 DB and Supplement."**

53. RFP page 10 of 15 states that the Price Proposal shall contain “All pages of Section 905 including acknowledgment of addenda and bid sheets completed and signed.” Under Section 905, Form OCR-481 indicates that it is not due until no later than the tenth calendar day after the opening of the bids. Is it correct to assume that this form is not due until no later than the tenth calendar day after the opening of the bids?

**Yes.**

54. Proposal Sheet 2-1 on page 351 of the RFP states: \*\*\* SPECIAL NOTICE TO BIDDERS \*\*\*\*BIDS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED UNLESS BOTH UNIT PRICES AND ITEM TOTALS ARE ENTERED. The Unit Price box contains all X's. These boxes are small, which is difficult to write in the amount of digits for this project size. Please consider eliminating or modifying this form. The total Lump Sum Price will be written in on Sheet 2-2 of the proposal.

**No.**

55. RFP page 11 of 15 Section V states: “The Proposer is required to escrow all Proposal documents in accordance with Special Provision 907-103.06 within two (2) business days of Notification of Award.” Special Provision 907-103.06 on page 92 of Section 907 states: “Within two (2) business days following submittal of the Volume 2 Proposal documents, the Contractor shall have delivered into escrow the original of all documents used in preparation of its Volume 2 Proposal for the Project (the “Escrowed Proposal Documents” or “EPD”)”. Preparing Escrow Documents within two days following the submittal of Volume 2 will be difficult. Please advise the course of action?

**Special Provision 907-103.06 will be revised in the next addendum as follows: “Within two (2) business days following Notification of Award, the Contractor shall have delivered into escrow the original of all documents used in preparation of its Volume 2 Proposal for the Project (the “Escrowed Proposal Documents” or “EPD”)”.**

56. What is the current budget for the project? What is the protocol if the bid prices exceed this budget?

**MDOT believes there are sufficient funds for the Project. Due to the nature of design build projects, a range letter will not be issued. See Section IX, General Information, for additional information.**

57. For the Volume 2 Price Proposal, is the original the only copy required?

**Yes.**

58. We respectfully request that MDOT extend the deadline for proposers to submit questions to allow for questions during the pricing phase after the Technical Proposals are submitted.

**See Addendum No. 2.**

59. The final version of the RFP, issued January 21, 2013, item 907-102.08.1— Bonding subheading (b) states: “(b) Prior to the maintenance release, the Contractor should be prepared to provide a warranty bond acceptable to MDOT in the amount of 5 percent of the Contract Price to cover warranty obligations of the Contract. The warranty bond(s) will cover a minimum period of three (3) years subsequent to the date of the successful completion of release of maintenance.” In section 902, VI Warranty, (A) Contractor’s Responsibilities it is stated: “The Contractor agrees to promptly correct, at its own expense, defects or deficiencies in design, materials and workmanship that appear prior to and during a period of two (2) years after Full Release of Maintenance.” Please clarify whether a two or three-year warranty is required for this project.

**Special Provision 907-102.08.1 will be revised in the next addendum as follows:  
“The warranty bond(s) will cover a minimum period of two (2) years subsequent to the date of the successful completion for full release of maintenance.”**

60. As this is not an electronic bid submission and, therefore, we cannot use an electronic bid bond as proposal guarantee, please provide/recommend a bid bond form that has been approved by the Executive Director per Mississippi DOT 2004 Standard Specifications 102.08 – Proposal Guaranty.

**See page 417 of the RFP.**

61. Due to the complexity of the Coldwater Bridge, we request an additional 10 pages be added to the Technical Proposal. This would increase the maximum page count from 50 to 60.

**No.**

62. In Section 10.4.1 of the technical requirements of the RFP it states that “At the Coldwater River Crossing one pile at each abutment and pier shall be tested with PDA.” With the release of Addendum 2 requiring the Coldwater River bridge to be a single bridge, please clarify on the PDA requirements per bent. We understand this now to be 1 PDA tested pile per bent on this single bridge. Is this correct?

**Yes.**